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Subject: AOL Netscape Is Trying To Sway Justice

To Whom It May Concern:

The news that AOL Netscape has filed suite against Microsoft just as the Dept. of Justice is in the final, punishment phase of it's suite against Microsoft has but one intended outcome...which is to try to sway the D of J into thinking that MSFT was guilty of doing harm to competition. The facts about the so called "browser wars" between MSFT and Netscape could not be more clear. Remember, please, that AOL bought Netscape in the midst of the D of J case against MSFT...Remember also that all browser users, including the majority of the public as well as the so called "high techies", agreed that the MSFT browser was just plain better, easier and more user friendly than was Netscape. That is why Netscape lost the "war". I am a shareholder in AOL/Time Warner...I have owner the stock as a very early owner of Turner Broadcasting Company shares. As you know, Turner merged with Time Warner, then Time Warner merged with AOL. Since the AOL merger, I have been disappointed with many corporate decisions, each giving me less and less confidence in the business ability of AOL. AOL is either looking for a "quick fix", I fear, to a very real money problem, or a "quick fix", I fear, to a competition problem. But, please know that the "fix" will come as a part of your present findings/punishment of MSFT. Don't let them use this cheap trick to influence your current decisions. Let another court take up their issue. But, above all, please let the technology sector of this country get back on tract inovating new and needed resources. We have so many really important issues before us and we need leaders, in industry as well as government, that can connect with the people. MSFT creates real instruments that help streamline the future in lieu of just re-newing a monthly subscription for a service. Please don't be influenced by this cheap shot!

Thanks. Polly Woodress

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